



"Jerusalem Has Fallen"

Daniel 1:1-4, 6



- Jerusalem's newspaper ...
- Babylon's newspaper ...
- Heaven's newspaper ...

I. AN HISTORICAL BACKGROUND TO DANIEL, THE BOOK.

2 Kings 23-25

2 Chronicles 36

- A. Judah's disobedience, idolatry, and evil kings.
- B. Nebuchadnezzar's 3-step conquest of Jerusalem.

605 BC —————> 597 BC —————> 586 BC

- C. Daniel's deportation to Babylon. 1:1-3, 6
- D. Judah's 70-year captivity.

II. AN IMPRESSIVE DESCRIPTION OF DANIEL, THE YOUNG MAN.

1:3-4

III. A SIGNIFICANT ROLE FOR DANIEL, GOD'S MAN IN THE PRESENCE OF KINGS.

- Daniel and his friends established a godly presence in an ungodly nation.

Nebuchadnezzar
Belshazzar
Darius
Cyrus

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- God's intention has always been that His people be a godly presence in a godless world.
 - What is your "Babylon" right now? Matthew 5:14-16 Acts 1:8
 - How will you "Contend for the Faith" in that place?